

DSS ID # 09-16

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

AGENCY SUBMITTING REGULATION Department of Social Services DATE 5/11/2010

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION Security Deposit Guarantee

REGULATION SECTION NO. Sec. 17b-802 STATUTORY AUTHORITY PA 00-2, PA 02-79(3),
PA 05-3 (83)

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED None

EFFECTIVE DATE USED IN COST ESTIMATE Upon Passage

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SUMMARY OF STATE COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Department of Social Services Fund Affected General

	SFY 2010	SFY 2010	SFY 2011
Number of Positions	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Personal Services	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other Expenses	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Equipment	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grants (Medicaid)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total State Cost (Savings)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Estimated Revenue Gain (Loss)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Net State Cost (Savings)	<u> </u>	<u>See Below</u>	<u> </u>

EXPLANATION OF STATE IMPACT OF REGULATION:

This proposed regulation seeks to update regulations to comply with Public Act 00-2 of the June 2000 Special Session, Public Act 02-79 (3) and Public Act 05-3 (83) of the 2005 June Special Session. In addition, this proposed regulation adds and clarifies program definitions and makes technical changes such as changing the name of the Food Stamp program to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Under PA 00-2, the program changed from a grant program to a deposit guarantee program. It also limited where funds would be paid from. Prior to this, payments for a security deposit could be made from the Temporary Family Assistance program or SAGA.

PA 02-79 (3) allowed the Department to issue Security Deposit guarantees to individuals/families that had a Section 8 or rental assistance voucher. In addition, the Commissioner of DSS was authorized to establish priorities for allocating the deposit guarantees between eligible people.

PA 05-3 (83) establishes the right for the Commissioner of DSS to deny eligibility for a security deposit guarantee to any applicant for whom the Commissioner has paid two or more claims by landlords during the immediately preceding five-year period.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Security Deposit Guarantee Program has been operating under the regulation changes in PA 00-2 and PA 02-79 in these proposed regulations. Regulations promulgating the changes instituted under PA 05-3 will be implemented upon approval of the regulation. While no fiscal impact is anticipated upon adopting changes from the first two Public Acts, an undetermined amount of savings may result from limiting the number of times a recipient receives a deposit guarantee. The Department must live within its appropriated amount for the program.

It should be noted that the Department closed the Security Deposit Guarantee program effective April 23, 2010 in order to operate within the established appropriation of \$1,643,198.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: None.